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Enclosed herewith is a list of several U.S. patents and patent applications on **page three**. In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed August 31, 2009 (*Office Action*), please consider the following amendments to the claims, which begin on **page four**, and **remarks**, which begin on **page eleven**. The Applicants' **conclusion** may be found on page **thirteen**.

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